



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

DIFFUSE INTRINSIC PONTINE GLIOMA AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS: Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) is a tumor in the brainstem which may impact many essential functions of the body, including breathing, regulation of blood pressure, heart rate, and nerve and muscle reactions; and
- WHEREAS: DIPG is most common among children between the ages of five and ten, and affects between 200 and 400 children in the United States each year. Approximately 10 to 20 percent of all childhood brain tumors are DIPG-related; and
- WHEREAS: Symptoms of DIPG vary depending on the affected individual, but most often include problems with walking and balancing, vision difficulties, trouble swallowing, nausea, frequent headaches, and facial weakness. Symptoms tend to worsen as the tumor further develops; and
- WHEREAS: DIPG is the second most common malignant brain tumor in childhood and the leading cause of death from pediatric brain cancer; and
- WHEREAS: There is currently no known cure for DIPG and the survival rate remains low. Treatment for DIPG is difficult, but does include surgery, radiation therapy, and chemotherapy; and
- WHEREAS: Prognosis for DIPG has yet to make significant improvements in the last 35 years, but continued innovation in medical technology and advancement in research offers hope for future treatments for children affected by the disease. It is thereby essential to raise public awareness and understanding of DIPG in order to support and provide those affected with a better quality of life; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2017, as DIFFUSE INTRINSIC PONTINE GLIOMA AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 29th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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